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3WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 1-10, 18, 20	YES
	Claims 11-17, 19	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	YES
	Claims 1-20	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-20	YES
	Claims	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

D1: GB 1599324

D2: GB 1384768

D3: Derwent Abstract Accession No. 90-186773/25

D4: Derwent Abstract Accession No. 1982-22664E

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NOVELTY (N)

Claims 11-17, 19: D3 discloses the use of guanidine derivatives as bleach activators, said use satisfying the requirements of each of these claims. Equally, D1 and D2 disclose compositions that lie within the scope of these claims. While D1 and D2 are for use on hair, it is considered that they would be suitable for use on cellulosic material.

INVENTIVE STEP (IS)Claims 11-17, 19:

As above.

Claims 1-10, 18, 20: D1 and D2 differ from the claimed invention principally in the application to hair instead of cellulosic material. The citations discuss the advantage of milder conditions combined with rapid bleaching that may be had from the combination of guanidine derivatives with peroxide bleaches. It is not considered that applying the teachings of the citations to cellulosic materials involves an inventive step.